

# **Warren County Sheriff's Office Detectives Receive 2015 Errol D. Butt Award**

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Two Warren County Sheriff's Office Detectives were honored recently for their investigation into the January 2014 murder of a Wayne Township man.

Detectives Paul Barger and Michael Wyatt were presented with the 2015 Errol D. Butt Award at the ceremony today in Lebanon. Barger and Wyatt were the lead detectives that investigated Austin Gregory Myers and Timothy Edward Mosley for the murder of 18 year old Justin Back. Over the course of two days, Myers and Mosley planned the robbery and murder of Back at his home on Corwin Road. Initially intending on poisoning Back, Myers and Mosley ultimately strangled and stabbed Back to death as he pleaded with them to save his life. Myers and Mosley then loaded Back's body into the trunk of their car and drove around with it for several hours before dumping it in Preble County. Before leaving the area, Myers fired two shots into Back's lifeless body using a gun he had stolen from Back's residence.

In October of last year, a unanimous jury convicted Myers of aggravated murder and several other charges. At the sentencing phase, the jury recommended a sentence of death, which Warren County Court of Common Pleas Judge Don Oda imposed. As part of a plea agreement, Mosley pled guilty to aggravated murder and several other charges in return for testifying against Myers and receiving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell presented the award to Barger and Wyatt. "Detective Barger's and Detective Wyatt's extraordinary professional competence led to the detention and ultimate arrests of Myers and Mosley literally just minutes after they had returned home from committing this horrific crime," said Fornshell. "Arguably, numerous Sheriff's Office personnel that investigated this case could have rightfully received this award. However, Detectives Barger and Wyatt spent countless hours from the moments after Justin was murdered through the end of the trial to achieve justice on behalf of Justin Back. Their selfless service reflects greatly upon themselves, their families, and the entire Warren County Sheriff's Office," said Fornshell.

The Errol D. Butt Award is named after the long-time officer and former Prosecutor's Office Chief Investigator who succumbed to cancer in 2004. The award is given annually to the law enforcement officer or firefighter who best exemplifies the late officer's service to the local community.



Detective Paul Barger (left) and Detective Michael Wyatt (right) receive the 2015 Errol D. Butt Award from Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell (center)

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